

Dairy Matters.

Major Boulton and other dairymen have been urging upon the Dominion Government the advisability of encouraging dairying in the West.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the scheme to establish a cheese factory at Wapella, Assa. F. T. Lowe is the secretary of the company, which will probably be incorporated.

The Pheasant Forks Cheese and Butter Co., (Limited), is applying for incorporation. The members of the company, are residents of the Primitive Methodist Colony, located north of Wolsley, Assa.

Governor Schultz, of Manitoba, will establish a creamery at once in the old mill on Park's creek, near Parkdale, on the Selkirk branch of the C. P. R., north of Winnipeg. Jas. Taylor, of Winnipeg, will have charge of the factory.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Grenfell, Assa., cheese factory was held on the 26th of March, when the directors of last year were unanimously re-elected. The report stated that upwards of 60,000 pounds of cheese were made during the last season, the great bulk of which found a market on the Pacific coast. B. P. Richardson was appointed president, and N. V. Francis secretary for this season.

In the house at Ottawa last week Mr. Vanasse asked whether the Government were aware that certain cheese dealers in the United States were in the habit of marking on cheese exported by them to England, via Montreal, the words "Canadian products," greatly to the detriment of the real Canadian article in the English markets, and whether the Government propose to adopt means to put an end to this fraud, which involves consequences greatly prejudicial to the Canadian producers. Sir John in reply said that the matter had already been brought to his attention, and the only solution he saw was to make the offense a penal one.

Insurance Briefs.

Plans for a new city hall and fire hall, for Brandon, Man., have been prepared.

A public meeting to arrange for the organization of fire brigades will be held at Kamloops, B. C.

J. A. Yeomans, late representative in Winnipeg of the Confederation Life, has located in St. Paul.

A society has been organized in Denmark under the name of the "Celibacy Assurance Society," its object being to provide for the women who either cannot or will not provide themselves with a husband. The premiums, which are on various scales, begin at the age of 13 years and end at 40, a period at which it is supposed most of the members will have abandoned any thought of marriage. Such being the case, the women receive an annuity for life. If, however, she marries at any time after forty, she forfeits all her claims.

The Shoes She Wanted.

At the shoe counter—Salesman—"That's a perfect fit, lady."

Shopper—"Yes, they feel quite comfortable."

(Slips on shoes and looks at the soles). "Mercy! they are a mile too big! Why, they are fives, and I never wear anything larger than threes!"

Salesman—"These are threes, lady; but you see there's been such a demand for them we've been obliged to mark them up."

Shopper—"Oh! well I guess I'll take them. I thought they couldn't be fives."—*Boston Transcript.*

FREIGHT from Calgary to Edmonton is 2 to 2½ cents per pound.

E. H. WILLIAMS has opened in the hardware and tinware lines at Binscarth, Man.

Mrs. LUCAS has opened a millinery and dress-making establishment at Emerson, Man.

J. H. BROCK, of Winnipeg, has been appointed liquidator of the Bell Farming Company.

W. J. RICHARDSON, general merchant, Birtle, Man., has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand, official assignee.

C GALLAGHER, of Gallagher & McGregor, butchers, Battleford, bought a number of cattle in the Prince Albert district recently.

THE Brandon Sun says that a tailoring establishment in that city has turned out over \$2,000 worth of clothing per month for the last three months.

CALGARY merchants have agreed to close their places of business at 6.30 o'clock, Saturdays excepted. This is a good example to other western towns.

S. LARURE and M. Picard, of Edmonton, Alberta, have formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on a general store business at that place. They will open shortly.

HENDERSON'S directory of Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, for 1889, has been issued. It forms a bulky volume, and is an indispensable work for every business office.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man., comes to the front in the telephone controversy, claiming four telephones per 100 of population, which is about equal to and perhaps a shade better than Winnipeg.

A GENERAL store has been opened at Cash City, Red Deer district, north of Calgary, by L. M. Sage. A post office will be opened as soon as a suitable name for the place is selected, Cash City being objected to by the department.

A MASS meeting is talked of at Prince Albert, to discuss the railway question. This fine district is badly in need of railway communication. The settlement has now reached a point that a railway is necessary, if further progress is to be made.

THE British Columbia Government has gained a great victory in its suit with the Dominion, concerning the ownership of the minerals in the C. P. Railway belt of the province. The province ceded to the Dominion a strip of land twenty miles wide on each side of the C. P. R. main line, in consideration of an annual grant from the Dominion to the province of \$10,000. The Dominion authorities later claimed the ownership of the minerals in this forty mile belt, which the province disputed. The Privy Council last week decided the case in favor of the province.

A MEETING of the license commissioners for the Winnipeg district was held last week and it was decided that no shop license should be granted, and that wholesale licenses would only be granted to persons conducting a wholesale liquor business.

It has been definitely decided that the Morris and Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway will run south of the Tiger Hills. It has not yet been decided whether or not the road will be extended into the Souris country this year.

THE following officers have been elected by the Medicine Hat board of trade, for the coming year:—President, H. S. Scatcherd; vice-president, M. Leonard; secretary-treasurer, Thos. Tweed; executive committee, Messrs. Yuill, McCuay, and Cochrane.

IN view of the contemplated visit to the West of Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. E. Dewdney, Minister of the Interior, the board of trade of Macleod, Alberta, has instructed its secretary to write to Sir Chas. Tupper and Hon. E. Dewdney, and invite them to visit that district.

THE following trade changes are reported from Neepawa, Man.:—Thos. McElougall, hardware, and John Crawford, grain, implement and lumber dealer, have formed a partnership. The hardware business will be moved from the village to the station.—J. A. Allan, baker and confectioner, has sold out to A. W. Carswell. Allan located at Winnipeg some time ago, and his business at Neepawa was managed by his wife.—S. Farrell, livery, has sold out to Wm. Davidson.

THE immigration agency at Medicine Hat, Assa, will be closed, and the buildings will be used for Mounted Police purposes, court house and jail. The Medicine Hat Times says:—We think the Government is acting unwisely in closing this office, as the need of an immigration agent has never been greater than it is now. At the present time a large number of immigrants just arrived from Europe are taking shelter in the sheds, and another party is expected to arrive in a few days. Mr. Sutherland, agent, will be transferred to Vancouver, B.C.

AT its last meeting the Winnipeg retail grocers' association voted unanimously in favor of early closing, and commencing on May 1st, the city grocery stores will be closed at 8 o'clock, Saturdays and the evenings before holidays excepted. The committee appointed to wait on the wholesale dealers and fruiterers regarding selling to consumers, reported that they had been favorably received by the parties interviewed. Some of the flour and feed-men as well as some of the grocers, have not yet been seen.

THE question of granting bonuses to the proposed new railway, is exciting great interest at Port Arthur and Fort William, and opinions appear to be considerably mixed on the subject. The company seem to be working for large bonuses from Port Arthur and the other municipalities in the district. The bonus question was discussed at length at a special meeting of the board of trade, but without any recommendations being made, owing to the diversified opinions held by the members.